

2023-2026 National Council Session Advisory Team – SUBMIT EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST BY January 12, 9:00 AM Eastern Time.

Our National Council Session is a powerful example of our democratic process in action. The National Board is forming a National Council Session Advisory Team to:

- Reflect on the input and learnings from the 56th National Council Session (July 2023) and identify actionable feedback and share with the appropriate governance or operational team.
- Provide specific recommendations to the National Board on the agenda and the delegate formula for NCS 57 (July 2026).
- Responsibilities include partnership with the National Board Office, National Board, and the Movement Governance Advisory Team in developing delegate education and training throughout the triennium.

Who: We are looking for 9-14 council representatives. We hope to build a team with diverse perspectives and experiences; therefore, we are specifically targeting the following council representation:

2-3 Board Chairs

2-3 CEOs (Chief Executive Officers)

2-3 Delegate Liaisons

3-5 National Council Delegates with experience attending a National Council Session (current delegates, either adult or girl members, preferred)

Selection criteria will also be based on the following:

- Representation from small, medium, and large councils.
- Experience as a governance volunteer preferred.
- Experience in policymaking or policy-influencing desired.
- Only one representative per council will be selected.

Committee members should:

- Attend every meeting as a thoughtful and active participant.
- Provide an independent and unbiased sounding board.
- Serve as advocates for an effective and efficient democratic governance system with their peers.
- Bring their unique expertise and experience to maximize the effectiveness of our National Council Session.

Staff support for the team will be led by [Kay Hallenbeck, GSUSA Senior Director, Governance](#). The team will also include members of the National Board, and external advisors and other resources will offer important input.

Note: Diversity is crucial to everything we do at Girl Scouts, strengthening our work and the health of our Movement. We are committed to building diversity into all our Girl Scout committees, which will bring a variety of experiences and perspectives to the table and enrich our efforts. We encourage our colleagues across all racial and ethnic backgrounds, genders, and abilities to step up and lend their voices to the important work of the National Council Session Advisory Team.

Time Commitment: Members will serve between [February 2024 and September 2026](#). We anticipate convening virtually on a monthly basis, as well as at least one in-person meeting, for which travel expenses will be met.

Action Needed: Interested in joining the team? Please complete [this survey](#), sharing no more than 300 words describing your candidacy by **January 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM ET**. You will also be asked to include your name, council, position, and number of years with Girl Scouts. Individuals who applied to serve on the Movement Governance Advisory Team and indicated they wished to be considered for other volunteer roles need not submit a new application.

Selection Announcement: The week of **February 14, 2024**.

Who should get this news: Please share this news with members of your council as appropriate.

Contact person: If you have questions, please reach out to Kay Hallenbeck at khallenbeck@girlscouts.org.